

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

\$25.6M

TOTAL SAVED

by Arizona students through WICHE Student Access Programs

\$19.3M

SAVED
through WUE

\$2.3M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$4M

SAVED
through PSEP

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Arizona WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ Northern Arizona University (4,003)
- ▶ Mohave Community College (369)
- ▶ Arizona State University / Polytechnic Campus (302)

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Arizona undergraduate students:

- ▶ Colorado State University (182)
- ▶ Utah Valley University (165)
- ▶ Fort Lewis College, CO (119)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



Saves students on out-of-state **GRADUATE** certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Arizona WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ University of Arizona (180)
- ▶ Northern Arizona University (73)
- ▶ Arizona State University (28)

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Arizona graduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (22)
- ▶ University of Idaho (20)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (16)

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Helps students pursuing careers in **10 HEALTH FIELDS**. They can enroll in programs in the WICHE region and receive substantial tuition support from their home state/territory.

143 Arizona students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

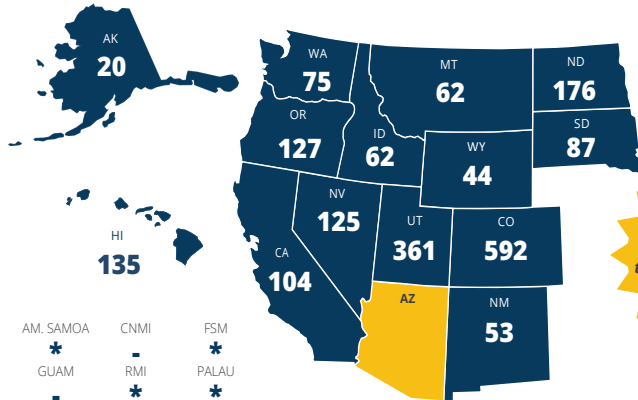
80% of Arizona's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return.

Arizona institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 162 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Arizona. Institutions received \$3.9M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

619% ROI Gained on Arizona's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

WUE

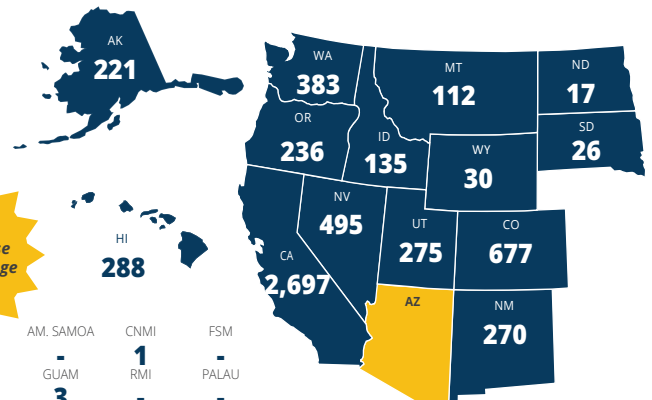
WUE STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **2,023**



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* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WUE STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **5,866**

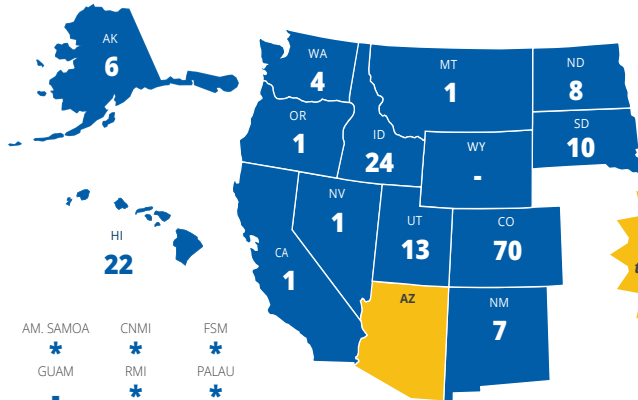


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5,866 WUE students chose to attend college in Arizona

WRGP

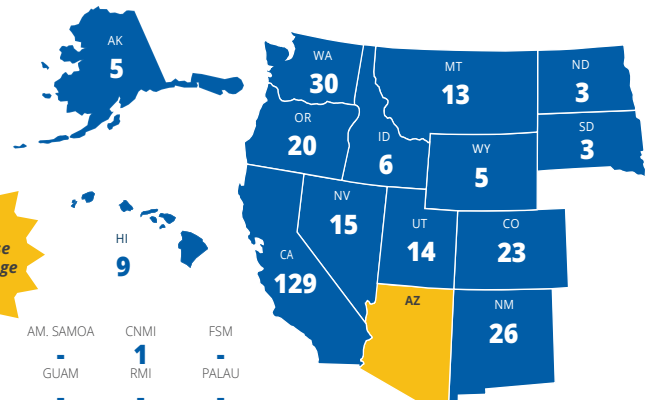
WRGP STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **168**



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WRGP STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **302**



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302 WRGP students chose to attend college in Arizona

PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	45	\$1,345,500
Optometry	21	\$422,625
Osteopathic Medicine	41	\$1,027,050
Podiatry	4	\$69,500
Veterinary Medicine	32	\$1,108,800
TOTAL	143	\$3,973,475

PSEP students from Arizona saved \$3,973,475 in tuition

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ PSEP has had a tremendous impact on my educational and career goals. It has relieved a lot of stress about paying back loans after graduation. Instead, I can focus on diving into the work field and serving my home state of Arizona. I am so thankful to have this amazing support! I encourage everyone to apply for PSEP. ”

TRISHA, Arizona resident, Doctor of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University, AZ

Regional collaboration

WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- ▶ Eastern Arizona College
- ▶ Estrella Mountain Community College
- ▶ Gateway Community College
- ▶ Glendale Community College
- ▶ Maricopa Community Colleges
- ▶ Mesa Community College
- ▶ Paradise Valley Community College
- ▶ Phoenix College
- ▶ Rio Salado College
- ▶ Scottsdale Community College
- ▶ South Mountain Community College

Bettina Celas, Maricopa Community Colleges, is a member of the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ University of Arizona
- ▶ Northern Arizona University

John Georgas, Northern Arizona University, is a member of the Forum executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY is a yearlong professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Two cohort members from Arizona institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

NO HOLDING BACK The University of Arizona is one of 12 WICHE institutions that participated in 2022-23 in analyzing data, policies and practices related to transcript and registration holds, contributing toward tools for other institutions to undertake this work.

COSTS-SAVINGS PROGRAMS Thanks to collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four U.S. regional higher education compacts, WICHE-region educational institutions, nonprofits, and public education entities can benefit from three programs: MHECtech, which provides competitively bid purchasing contracts for an array of hardware, software, and technology services; MHECare, which provides a student health insurance plan and teletherapy services; and a MHEC Cyber Insurance Program, which offers risk transfer and advisory solutions.

Arizona participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCALITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

Optimal behavioral healthcare

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) partners with the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System to support fidelity reviews of four evidence-based practices in the **MARICOPA COUNTY PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**. In addition, these four evidence-based practices are also being reviewed across the balance of the state. WICHE BHP employs and supports the Project Lead and four fidelity reviewers.

WICHE BHP also collaborates with **MERCY CARE ARIZONA** to provide training, education, and guidance concerning evidence-based practices (EBPs) and fidelity tools to ensure provider staff are offering high quality EBPs and are ensuring fidelity to identified EBPs protocols.

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM is a national program that enlists rural Veterans and local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their own communities. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the WICHE BHP, TWV provides communities with individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources to implement the program in their own communities. The BHP supports 38 rural communities as far east as New Hampshire and as far west as Guam, and of those, supports 18 rural communities in the WICHE region. The TWV program supports three communities in AZ: the Veterans Coalition of Central AZ in Yavapai County; the Cocopah Indian Tribe in Yuma County; and the Colorado River Indian Tribe in La Paz County. Between the three communities, the program has served nearly 750 veterans..

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) administers the national **RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)**, a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder, including opioid use and psychostimulant use disorders. In Arizona, RCORP supports four grantees: Sonoran, Prevention Works; Summit Healthcare Association; Amistades, Inc., and Marisposa Community Health Center, Inc.

Sound public policy

KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit knocking.wiche.edu to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

DATA RESOURCES WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK Staff from the Arizona Board of Regents also participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

Innovative solutions

WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit

organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

- ▶ Arizona State University
- ▶ Coconino Community College
- ▶ Grand Canyon University
- ▶ Mesa Community College
- ▶ Northern Arizona University
- ▶ Pima Community College
- ▶ Prescott College
- ▶ Rio Salado College
- ▶ The University of Arizona
- ▶ University of Phoenix

Dale Johnson, Arizona State University, serves on the WCET Executive Council. Janelle Elias, Rio Salado Community College, serves on the WCET Steering Committee.

STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN) helps guide institutions through state regulations around online courses and programs. SAN members include:

- ▶ Grand Canyon University
- ▶ Northern Arizona University
- ▶ Prescott College
- ▶ Rio Salado College
- ▶ University of Phoenix

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for poverty-affected students, for whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

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